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DRABA FLADNIZENSIS
WHITE ARCTIC DRABA

White Arctic Draba is a low perennial with basal leaf clusters and 1-few leafless stems that are 2-6 cm high, arising from from a simple or branched rootcrown. The narrowly lance-shaped leaves are 15-25 mm long and have long, straight hairs on the entire margins; otherwise, they are glabrous or sparsely hairy. 3-12 stalked flowers are borne at the tops of the stems. Each flower has 4 separate sepals, 4 separate, white petals that are ca. 2-3 mm long, and 4 long and 2 short stamens. The style is less than 0.5 mm long or absent. The glabrous, narrowly egg-shaped capsules are 3-9 mm long and are borne on erect or ascending stalks. Flowering in July-August.

DRABA CRASSIFOLIA is similar but has yellow flowers. *D. LONCHOCARPA* and *D. PORSILDII* have white flowers but are mat-forming and have leaves with branched hairs rather than long, straight hairs on the margins. A hand lens or microscope and technical key are needed for positive identification.